

# Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association

*Saving Lives, Protecting Property*

## Neighbors put out police car fire with extinguisher

The Times-Picayune (New Orleans, LA)

February 18, 2019

NEW ORLEANS, LA - While on route to the scene of a police shootout, a New Orleans police officer lost control of his car, crashing into an oak tree, which caused his cruiser to catch fire. Luckily, the neighborhood's residents jumped into action. First, they pulled the police officer from the burning cruiser, and then several residents used portable fire extinguishers to put out the flames. The police officer only suffered minor injuries as a result of the crash and was quickly released from the hospital. [\[Read more\]](#)

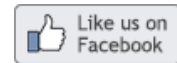


*"A little two-and-a-half-pound extinguisher can save your house."*

- Richard Osterberg Jr.,  
Chief, East Hampton, NY  
Fire Department

## House fire doused with extinguishers

Challis Messenger (Challis, ID)



Call fire department;  
Announce fire/alert  
others; Make sure  
everyone is safe.



Defend  
in place



Fire/smoke  
alarm sounds



Suppression  
system  
activates



Sprinkler

February 7, 2019

CHALLIS, ID - On a recent Saturday morning, a homeowner noticed paint blisters forming on the wall of his modular home. The man was home with wife, daughter and granddaughter when he realized there was a fire in the home's wall. The family quickly took action by calling the fire department, shutting off the breakers to the furnace, knocking a hole in the wall, and spraying the flames with two portable fire extinguishers. They were able to prevent the flames from spreading until the fire department arrived to completely extinguish the fire. The Challis Fire Chief told reporters that "he pretty much saved the trailer with his fire extinguisher."

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*"A sound fire safety strategy has to include portable extinguishers. They can extinguish fires during the incipient stage before they are large enough to trigger a sprinkler or other suppression system. This helps to protect against property damage and the buildup of dangerous smoke."*

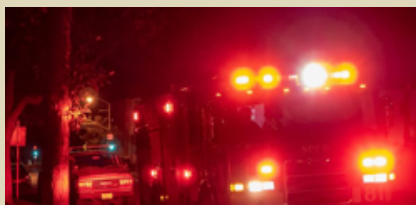
- Joe Pierce, Retired Deputy Chief  
Dallas, Texas Fire Department

## Resident Puts Out Fire with Extinguisher

South Pasadena News (South Pasadena, CA)

February 6, 2019

SOUTH PASADENA, CA - A South Pasadena resident is being credited with putting out a fire that had ignited in her home before firefighters were able to respond. The South Pasadena Fire Department was called to the apartment complex just before 11:00 pm. When they arrived at the scene, they found that the apartment's resident had used a portable fire extinguisher to put out the flames. Fire investigators determined that the fire was ignited by wax dripping onto a heater. [\[Read more\]](#)



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### **Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association 101**

The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is the premier trade association representing leading brands, and spanning dozens of product categories related to fire protection. The Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association is comprised of four divisions represented by product categories: portable fire extinguishers, interior equipment, fire hose and pre-engineered suppression systems. These divisions work together in an effort to promote Layered Fire Protection, Life Safety and initial response when disaster strikes. Members of the Fire Equipment Manufacturers' Association have formed a subgroup, the Government Relations Committee (GRC), to address legislative and regulatory issues relating to portable fire extinguishers and pre-engineered systems. The GRC's main goals focus on helping to educate officials by advancing a layered fire safety philosophy that reflects the need for both sprinklers and portable extinguishers. This newsletter is published periodically to communicate to key members of the fire services and code officials on the importance of layered fire safety and the role that special application fire suppression systems and portable extinguishers play.